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Dear Friends,

The 2015 Milwaukee County Budget deliberation is in full swing and in the next few weeks you will be reading and hearing about it if you haven't already. The County Executive's proposed budget affects the 9th District in a number of ways, some good and some not so good.

Let's start with the positive things that will improve our local infrastructure. St. Martins Road in Franklin will begin receiving funding for its projected 2016 construction and two bridges in Whitnall Park which were built in 1934 are set to be reconstructed in 2015. Some of you who reside in Oak Creek may have noticed the improvements on 13th Street between Drexel and Rawson. While these improvements are temporary the 2015 budget includes initial funding for its total reconstruction in 2017.

Unfortunately, the County Executive has proposed closing the Hales Corners wading pool and eliminating funding for UW-Extension at the Wehr Nature Center. These are two very important amenities to the residents of Hales Corners and surrounding communities, and I believe the County Executive underestimates the passion these residents feel.

I am working on finding solutions to keep the wading pool open next year and for years to come. In addition, I will be making sure the nature center has the proper programming and staffing that visitors have come to expect and deserve.

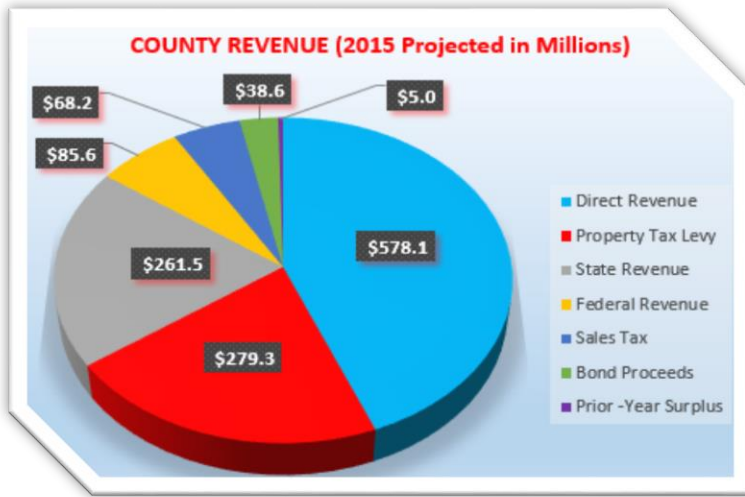
All My Best,



MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2015 BUDGET

On October 1, 2014 County Executive Abele introduced his 2015 Milwaukee County Recommended Budget to the Milwaukee County Board. The 2015 Recommended Budget calls for total expenditures of \$1,316,311,910, an increase of \$9,361,296, or 0.7 percent, compared with the 2014 Adopted County Budget. The recommended property tax levy is \$279,321,196, the same as the 2014 levy.

The Milwaukee County Board Finance, Personnel and Audit Committee is currently in the process of analyzing and amending the Recommended Budget. The County Board will hold a public hearing on the Budget on November 3, 2014 at the Milwaukee Art Museum to collect input from Milwaukee County residents on what they perceive as priorities in the 2015 Budget. The Board will then convene on November 10, 2014 to adopt the Operating Budget. Any potential vetoes from the County Executive will be addressed on November 19, 2014.



WHITNALL PARK ROTARY - COMMUNITY PROJECT

Recently the Whitnall Park Rotary Club and Milwaukee County entered into a development agreement for improvements to Boerner Botanical Gardens in Whitnall Park. The project, which is set to break ground by the end of 2014, is ADA accessible and “will lead from Boerner’s Herb Garden to the Bog Walk, making the gardens accessible for all population groups.”

The Whitnall Park Rotary Club hopes that the new walkway will inspire community members who visit to seek out areas that have in the past not been fully accessible.

The \$140,000 raised by the Whitnall Park Rotary Club was instrumental in getting this project off the ground. In addition, the 2013 Parks Amenities Fund contributed \$75,000 to help with construction because the pathway is an accessible walkway that conforms with ADA regulations.



Make your gift to support this important community project. [CLICK HERE](#)

TOWN HALL

We had a great turnout on Wednesday night in both Hales Corners and Oak Creek. I would like to thank everyone who took time out of their busy day to have a productive conversation regarding the Hales Corners Wading Pool, the Wehr Nature Center and the many road construction projects in the 9th district. There was a great discussion about the County Executive's 2015 Recommended Budget and we hope we answered many of your questions.

As I said Wednesday evening, the County Board is currently going through the budget and will be working on a solution to keep the Hales Corners Wading Pool open next year and the Wehr Nature Center will be properly funded.



ROAD CONSTRUCTION

There is plenty of road construction all throughout Milwaukee County and especially in the 9th District. Within the next month projects will be wrapping up on Howell Avenue, Ryan Road between Howell Avenue and 27th Street, 68th Street and 76th Street.

One project that I haven't talked about is the culvert on Ryan Road (CTY H) east of 112th Street in Franklin. The culvert was severely deteriorated and extremely narrow. In the 2014 budget \$300,000 was allocated to reconstruct a new culvert. On Monday the roadway was closed and the work is expected to take two weeks. Please change your traffic routines accordingly.



LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 10, 2014. Highlights of most pertinent legislation considered by the board will be featured in the next edition of Privileged to Serve.

To view the votes on all actions taken by the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors and its standing committees, please visit the [Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center](#).

HALES CORNERS LIONS CLUB PUMPKIN FEST

Friday October 24th, 2014 3pm - 9pm
Saturday October 25th, 2014 2pm - 9pm

Hales Corners Park Pool Pavilion
(116th Street & New Berlin Road)

FREE
Admission

FREE
Pumpkins
to Carve

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HALESCORNERS

Carve a pre-cleaned
Pumpkin for FREE!
All pumpkins are eligible
To win the carving contest!

Judging starts at
8:00pm Saturday

See all the pumpkins on
display and take yours
home for free after judging!

Food & Beverages will be Available

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WEHR NATURE CENTER

NatureNautz: Seed Safari

Sunday, October 26, 2014
1pm-2pm

Join the Wehr Nature Center this Sunday for a family fun activity!

Participants will have the chance to listen to "Planting the Wild Garden" read by Kathryn Galbraith and then go on a seed safari walk. Learn about and collect seeds of all sorts.

Admission:

- \$10 per child
- \$7 for Milwaukee County residents
- \$5 for members of Friends of Wehr

BOERNER CORNER

Creating Holiday Décor

Saturday, November 15, 2014
10am - 12pm

Join Friends of Botanical Boerner Botanical Gardens for a Saturday full of Holiday Cheer!!

Participants will create a variety of holiday décor including decorated greeting cards.

Admission:

- \$15 members
- \$20 non-members

Boerner Botanical Gardens is an enchanting place – full of history, beauty and valuable information for gardeners of all interest and skill levels. Expert led walks are our way of sharing the Garden's unique wealth of horticultural information with you throughout the gardening season. Meet at the FBBG Gift Shop, rain or shine.

For more information and full schedule, please [click here](#).

Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
FREE the first Thursday of every month

Free for all visitors. Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



FREE Days for 2014:
1/4, 2/1, 3/1, 4/5, 11/1 & 12/6

Special Holidays:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



FREE on Mondays
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaueedomes.org for additional information.

MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO

Halloween Spooktacular

Friday, October 24 & Sunday, October 25
6pm - 9pm

Admission:

- \$8 Adults
- \$6 Children (Ages 3-12)



Don't miss out on this spooktacular fun!!